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SUBJECT: LOS: FIJI REPRESENTATIVE TO LOS CONFERENCE

REF: SUVA 553, 580

1. SATYA NANDAN, FIJI REP TO LOS CONFERENCE, WAS ONE OF
MOST INFLUENTIAL CONFERENCE LEADERS AS RAPPORTEUR OF
SECOND COMMITTEE. NANDAN WAS PRIMARY DRAFTSMAN OF SINGLE
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NEGOTIATING TEXT ON MAJOR ISSUES OF STRAITS TRANSIT,

ARCHIPELAGOS, INNOCENT PASSAGE, AND HIGH SEAS. HE CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH US AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES TO ENSURE THAT ALL VIEWS WERE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED AND TO ENSURE THAT SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT REFLECTED ACCURATELY TREND OF NEGOTIATIONS. ALSO, HE WAS CO-SPONSOR WITH UK OF ARTICLES ON INNOCENT PASSAGE AND STRAITS TRANSIT WHICH ARE REFLECTED IN SINGLE TEXT. WE EXPECT NANDAN TO REMAIN IN KEY POSITION IN FUTURE LOS NEGOTIATIONS.

2. DEPT REQUESTS AMB SELDEN TO SEEK APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO FIJI PRIME MINISTER HIGHLY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY NANDAN AT GENEVA SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE IN KEY POST OF RAPPORTEUR OF SECOND COMMITTEE UNLESS AMB. FEELS THAT MAKING THESE POINTS WOULD BE HARMFUL TO NANDAN WITH FIJI GOVERNMENT. IF YOU MAKE POINT, YOU SHOULD NOTE HIS UNFLAGGING EFFORTS TO FIND CREATIVE AND

BALANCED SOLUTIONS, HIS FAIRNESS AND WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT WITH ALL INTERESTED DELEGATIONS, AND HIS EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY TO ACCURATELY REFLECT TRENDS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. AS SEPARATE MATTER, YOU SHOULD INDICATE OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH FIJI GOVERNMENT ON LOS ISSUES DURING INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD AND NEW YORK SESSION OF CONFERENCE, AND IN THIS CONTEXT NOTE OUR CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH NANDAN AND DONALD MCLAUGHLIN, A SPECIAL LOS CONSULTANT TO PRIME MINISTER.

3. FYI DEPT AWARE (REFTELS) THAT AMB. SELDEN PLANS JUNE 4-7 TRIP TO TONGA, BUT THAT HE MAY HAVE LEFT SUVA BEFORE RECEIPT OF THIS TELEGRAM. IF NOT CONVENIENT FOR AMB. TO DELIVER MESSAGE PERSONALLY, HE MAY WISH AT HIS DISCRETION TO ASK CHARGE HALL TO ACT IN HIS BEHALF. SINCE PM PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN FIJI'S LOS POSITION, DEPT BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT MESSAGE BE DELIVERED TO PM. DEPT ALSO REQUESTS THAT SUBJECT BE RAISED IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE, SINCE WE WILL SOON BEGIN WORK ON LOS CONFERENCE IN WHICH NANDAN'S HELP WILL BE VALUABLE. END FYI.

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